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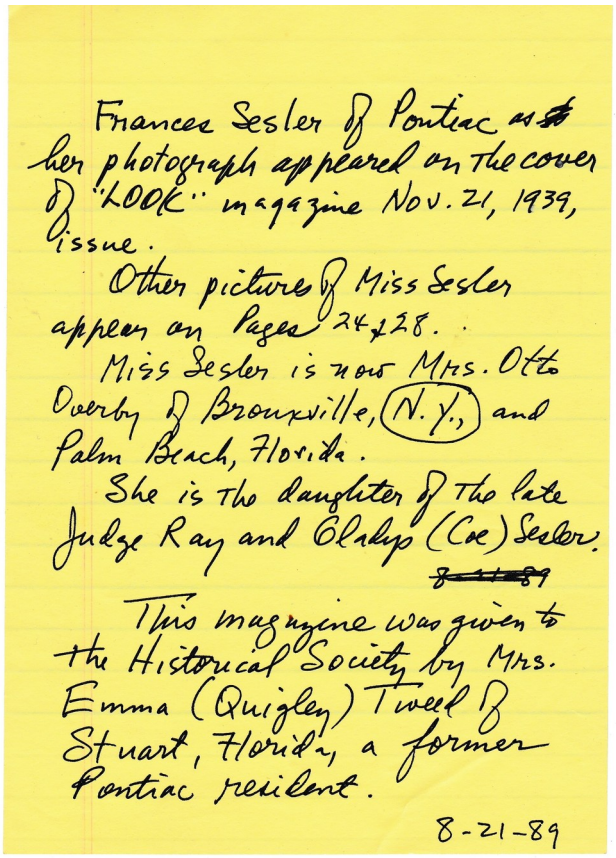
I recently reviewed many archives of the Livingston County Historical Society that were in storage at the walk-in safe at the Pontiac War Museum.

I found this handwritten note in the archives:



Frances Sesler of Pontiac ~~was~~ her photograph appeared on the cover of "LOOK" magazine Nov. 21, 1939, issue.

Other pictures of Miss Sesler appear on Pages 24 & 28.

Miss Sesler is now Mrs. Otto Overby of Bronxville, (N.Y.,) and Palm Beach, Florida.

She is the daughter of the late Judge Ray and Elaine (Coe) Sesler.

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This magazine was given to the Historical Society by Mrs. Emma (Quigley) Tweed of Stuart, Florida, a former Pontiac resident.

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The 1939 magazine may have been in the archive materials, but when I was sorting stuff, I may have reviewed it and threw it away because of no connection to Livingston County.

Here is a copy of the cover:

The article must have been titled “The Fraternity Problem”. She went to Northwestern and was in a sorority. I’m not sure why there was a problem with fraternities in 1939, right before WWII started in 1941??

I was unable to find a free copy of the magazine online.

I will try to buy a copy, then scan it, and upload it to Archive.Org…….and write a short story about her.

She had an older sister that tragically died in a car wreck going back to college in wisconsin with a local Saunemin boy. She named one of her daughters after her dead sister.

Could find no articles in 1939 in Leader or Pantagraph about her being on the cover of Look magazine.

Family tree is done in Ancestry, along with key obituaries. Her father was a Judge in Livingston County.

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